

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT FY 2016-2020 FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND DRAFT FY 2016 ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The City of Alexandria's Draft Five-Year Consolidated Plan for the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2020 and Draft One-Year Action Plan for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 for Housing and Community Development will be available for comment period beginning on or about Wednesday, April 1, 2015 and ending Friday, May 1, 2015. Persons wishing to comment on the Draft Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Draft One-Year Action Plan may do so either in writing and/or by providing testimony at either the public hearing to be held during the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) meeting on April 6, beginning at 7 p.m., located in Room 3008 of the Alexandria City Hall, or the regular public hearing on April 18, beginning at 9:30 a.m., located in the City Council Chambers, second floor of the Alexandria City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia.

The City's Draft FY 2016-2020 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Draft FY 2016 One-Year Action Plan have been developed in accordance with guidelines set forth by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan is a comprehensive planning document that identifies the housing and community development needs of the City of Alexandria's extremely low-to moderate-income, homeless and special needs populations, as well as of any target areas identified by the City, and outlines strategies for addressing the needs of these groups and/or designated areas over a five-year period. The One-Year Action Plan describes actions to be taken during City FY 2016 to meet housing and community development needs identified in the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan, and serves as the City's application to HUD for \$742,789 in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and \$357,258 in Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds.

Activities to be supported with CDBG Program funds have been developed to meet the national objective of benefiting low- and moderate-income persons. Activities to be supported with HOME Program funds have been developed to be consistent with the HOME Program objective of expanding the supply of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing. CDBG Program activities will continue the City's ongoing efforts to address the needs of its low- to moderate- income residents, identify and eradicate illegal housing discrimination, and provide housing rehabilitation assistance to income-eligible

homeowners; homeownership opportunities for low- to moderate-income homebuyers; emergency housing assistance, winter emergency shelter, and furniture storage assistance to homeless families; and accessibility modification assistance to low- to moderate-income renters. HOME Program activities will also continue the City's efforts to provide affordable housing opportunities for low- to moderate-income residents. In addition to CDBG- and HOME-funded activities, the One-Year Action Plan describes other affordable housing and community development activities to be undertaken by the City during this period, including the development and preservation of affordable housing.

Copies of the City's Draft FY 2016 – 2020 Consolidated Plan (accompanied by a Citizen Summary) and Draft FY 2016 Action Plan may be reviewed or picked up beginning Wednesday, April 1 at the Office of Housing, located at 421 King Street, Suite 200, Alexandria, VA from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. These documents will also be available on the City's Website: alexandriava.gov/Housing and for review at the following City libraries:

BEATLEY CENTRAL LIBRARY: 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria BARRETT BRANCH LIBRARY: 717 Queen Street, Alexandria BURKE BRANCH LIBRARY: 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria

DUNCAN BRANCH LIBRARY: 2501 Commonwealth Avenue, Alexandria

The documents will be in a format accessible to persons with disabilities, upon request. Written comments may be sent or delivered to the Office of Housing or emailed to cindy.metcalf@alexandriava.gov. Comments will be accepted until 5 p.m., Friday, May 1. The City-Council Approved Five-Year Consolidated Plan and One-Year Action Plan will then be submitted to HUD no later than Friday, May 15 in order for the City to receive FFY 2015 CDBG and HOME Program funds.

For further information or requests for reasonable accommodations, please call Eric Keeler or Lucinda Metcalf at the Office of Housing at 703.746.4990, or TTY 703.838.5056 for the hearing impaired.

